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SUBJ: MARITIME BAN

REF: (A) MELBOURNE 663, (B) SYDNEY 1718, AND
PREVIOUS

1. POST AND U.S. FLAG CARRIERS IN SYDNEY ARE GRATIFIED
AT THE SUCCESS OF THE EFFORTS IN MELBOURNE TO POSTPONE
THE BAN ON U.S. FLAGSHIPS FOR ONE WEEK AS REPORTED IN
REFTEL (A).

2. U.S. FLAG CARRIERS HAVE REPORTED FURTHER DIFFICULTIES
IN ATTAINING SUFFICIENT CARGO FOR EXPORT FROM AUSTRALIA
ON SHIPS SCHEDULED INTO AUSTRALIAN PORTS PRIOR TO AUGUST
15 BECAUSE OF THE TACTICS USED BY NON-U.S. FLAG CARRIERS
WHO ARE IN U.S. TRADE. THESE CARRIERS ARE USING THE
THREAT OF THE POSSIBLE BLACK BAN ON THE U.S. FLAG CARRIERS
AS A SALES DEVICE TO ENCOURAGE SHIPPERS TO BOOK SPACE
ON NON-U.S. FLAG CARRIERS. POST FEELS THAT IF SOME
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT COULD BE MADE BY THE A.C.T.U. AT
AN EARLY DATE OF THEIR ADVERSE REACTION TO THE
MELBOURNE UNION'S BAN, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO THE
U.S. INTERESTS.

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3. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION CARRIED BY THE MARITIME UNION IN MELBOURNE ON 16 JULY, 1973 WHICH IS REFERRED TO IN REFTEL (A) "THAT A BAN ON MAERICAN SHIPPING BE LIFTED FOR A PERIOD OF ONE WEEK TO ALLOW CONSIDERATION BY THE A.C.T.U. AND THE FEDERAL UNIONS OF PLACING A COMPLETE BAN ON THE IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF ALL GOODS AND SERVICES TO THE UNITED STATES.

THIS MEETING TO RECONVENE, IF NECESSARY, NEXT MONDAY, 23 JULY, 1973, TO CONSIDER THE ACTU ACTION".

COMMENT: IT IS TO BE HOPED THAT BY NEXT MONDAY SOME PUBLIC STATEMENT CAN BE MADE WHICH EVEN IF IT DOES NOT OFFICIALLY END THE BAN, WOULD INDICATE THAT ENFORCEMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO BE IN ABEYANCE PENDING FURTHER STUDY (WHICH MIGHT BE PROLONGED) BY THE A.C.T.U.
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